



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville
1819-2019

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Wolfsville Elementary Teachers Support Community Food Pantry



Photo by Patrick Boyton

Back Row Left to Right: Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Peyton, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Dill, Mr. Oman, Mrs. Beveridge, and Mrs. Stein. Front Row Left to Right: Mr. Tressler, Mrs. Cassidy, Ms. Valentovich, Mr. Seaton, Mrs. Loun, Mrs. Macierowski, and Mrs. Keary.

■ By Patrick Boyton
 Salem Member and Food Pantry Volunteer
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Salem's Community Food Pantry has a little more food on its shelves thanks to the generous support of Wolfsville Elementary School.

Gretchen Keary, a kindergarten teacher with the school, organized a food drive called "Countdown to Winter Break," where staff gathered non-perishable items during the month of December.

"I am completely overwhelmed with the response from the staff on this project," Mrs. Keary said. "We received over 200 items for the church's food bank. This food will benefit so many of our school's families. For such a

small staff the big collection speaks volumes of the size of our Wildcat hearts."

All of the food items were given to Salem's Food Pantry.

The food pantry's mission is to be the hands of Christ in Wolfsville and surrounding communities by reaching out to those in need. Salem's food pantry is open every Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m., for individuals and families with a Myersville, Smithsburg or Sabillasville address.

Salem is blessed to receive the support of Wolfsville Elementary.

Wolfsville is a very tight-knit community, so there are always opportunities for organizations to partner up and serve our neighbors in need.



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Chair, Board of Trustees: Gary Barkdoll
Church Treasurer: William Burrier
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Chair, Staff-Parish Relations: Della Hager
Food Pantry: Jennifer Gormer, Patrick Boyton
and Dennis Draper

Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 239
2019 New Members: 0

Salem Physical Facilities:
Church built 1847
Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974–75

Salem Website:
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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

Salem Mission Statement:
At Salem, with God's help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Salem Vision Statement:
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people's needs and bring them to Christ.

Go  **2019 MISSION PROJECTS** **2019 Goal**

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission | \$2,460 |
| 2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) | 45 |
| 3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs) | 1,180 |
| 4. Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - "All Pro Families Breakfast" | 900 |
| 5. Wolfsville Community Food Pantry at Salem | 1,180 |
| 6. Mary E. (AIM - France) | 1,320 |
| 7. United Methodist Board of Child Care Christmas Offering | 750 |
| 8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) | 300 |
| 9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes | 300 |
| 10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) | 780 |
| 11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick | 600 |
| 12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) | 456 |
| 13. Hero's Club after school ministry | 4,500 |
| 14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) | 420 |
| TOTAL GOAL for 2019 | \$15,191 |

Here's how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.
If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS to the Salem congregation for exceeding our goal to tithe our support for missions. As of this writing, Salem's support for missions was 17% of our 2018 unrestricted income. In 2018, we will have paid out more than \$23,000 to our 14 mission projects.

The list of Salem Mission Projects for 2019 is printed above. Although the number of projects remains the same, at 14, some changes have been made by Salem's Church Council. The new 2019 goal has been reduced by about \$2,000 to \$15,191, but will still meet our 10% tithe assuming our 2019 income remains the same.

A NEW MISSION PROJECT for 2019 will be "The Least of These Ministries," headquartered in Westminster, Maryland. An ecumenical Christian non-profit organization which strives to serve impoverished families in the Dominican Republic. This project, recommended by Tom Marenic, Salem's Chair of Mission and Outreach, is a growing ministry that helps feed several thousand people both physically and spiritually, carrying Christ's message to the Haitian & Dominican workers in the sugar cane, banana, and plantain work camps within the Dominican Republic.

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| Sunday | 7am - 1 pm Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church) | Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 6-7 am Devotions (at home) |
| | 6 - 7 pm Bible Study (at church) | | 9 am - Noon Parsonage Office |
| | | | Noon - 1 pm Lunch |
| | | | 1-5 pm Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office |
| Monday (day off) | 6-7 am Devotions (at home) | Saturday | 7-9 am Final touches on Sunday's sermon (at home) |
| | 9-11 am Planning Time (at home) | | |
| | 5-6 pm Hero's Club (at church) | | |

Also, Pastor Bob will be at church or in homes to attend meetings or check-in on evening activities at the church. He will make hospital visits and other visits as situations arrive. He will be working at home in Myersville, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.

Serving the Lord in Wolfsville



Salem Church Leaders for 2019

Church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the annual Church Conference.

Church Council:

Chair of Church Council – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Assistant Chair of Church Council – Meredith Harshman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – Gary Barkdoll
 Chair of Evangelism - Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Nominations & Leadership Development Committee -
 Bob Snyder
 Chair of Mission and Outreach - Tom Marenic
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Della Hager
 Chair of Worship Committee – Open
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Dennis Leatherman
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Co-Superintendents –
 Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky
 Young Adult Member - Open
 Youth Member – Open
 Member-at-large – Robin Haupt
 Member-at-large – Anita Harshman
 Member-at-large - Amy McCormick

Annual Audit: Meredith Harshman

Board of Trustees:

Donald Stottlemeyer (2019), George Stottlemeyer (2019)
 George Harne (2019)
 Gary Barkdoll (2020), Richard Harshman (2020)
 Bill Weaver (2020)
 Robin Haupt (2021), Klaus Mueller (2021), Mike Irons (2021)

Building Committee Chair - Melissa Thornton

Caregiving Team Leader - Susie Stottlemeyer

Children's Coordinator - Caroline Buhrman

Choir Director (Adult) – Sandy Lewis

Choir Director (Children) – Sara Weitzel

Church Organist - Susan Koons

Church Pianist/Organist - Sara Weitzel

Custodian - Amy McCormick

Family Ministries Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Food Pantry Leader - Jennifer Gormer

Hero's Club Director - Liz Waite

Local Lay Servants:

Wanda Barkdoll, Gary Barkdoll, Anita Harshman,
 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair)
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Cathie Elsbach (2019), Holly Rippeon (2019)
 Bill Buhrman (2019)
 Camilo Barkdoll (2020), Justinn Irons (2020), Open (2020)
 Mary Cline (2021), Donald Stottlemeyer (2021),
 Joyce Weaver (2021)

Salem Iron Men Leader - Bill Weaver

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader - Dennis Leatherman
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Wanda Barkdoll (2019), Sara Weitzel (2019)
 Fonda Gormer (2019)
 Dennis Draper (2020), Michael Burrier (2020),
 Susie Stottlemeyer (2020)
 Caroline Buhrman (2021), Della Hager (Chair) 2021, Open (2021)

Sunday School:

Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhrman
 Kindergarten through Second Grade Teachers – Jennifer Burrier,
 Michael Burrier
 Third Grade through Fifth Grade Teachers – Kathy Laky,
 Patrick Boyton, Melissa Thornton
 Middle and High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Young Adult Class Teacher - Dennis Leatherman
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne,
 Meredith Harshman
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

Women's Bible Study Leader - Debbie Irons

Youth Group Leaders:

Wanda Barkdoll
 Jennifer Gormer (Assistant), Liz Waite (Assistant)

Country Churches Christmas Tour

Visitors Tour Salem Despite Rain

■ By Fonda Gormer

Salem hostesses greeted between 50 and 60 guests during the Country Churches Christmas Tour on December 15th. Several large groups of extended families made the tour part of their holiday celebration. It was a great opportunity to share our building and ministry with others, some who were not familiar with the area or the churches on the tour.

Visitors came from as far away as Washington, DC.

I want to thank Jennifer Gormer, Patrick Waite and Susan Gibson for helping me with this project.

Attendance Offerings

November 2018

| | Worship* | | Sunday School | |
|----------|----------|------------|---------------|----------|
| Nov 4 - | 76 | \$3,040.00 | 44 | \$245.50 |
| Nov 11 - | 86 | 2,026.00 | 52 | 155.00 |
| Nov 18 - | 81 | 2,280.00 | 50 | 61.00 |
| Nov 25 - | 72 | 2,767.50 | 44 | 69.00 |

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,148.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00
 - Building Fund: \$475.00
 - Building Addition: \$100.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

| | Average Attendance | |
|------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Worship | Sunday School |
| Nov | 79 | 48 |
| Oct | 84 | 52 |
| Sept | 80 | 49 |
| Aug | 77 | 45 |
| July | 80 | 53 |

Average Attendance Jan-Nov 2018

Sunday Worship: 84
Sunday School: 52

Soup & Sandwich Sale set for March 2 & 3

By Fonda Gormer

Remember how good the soup and sandwiches tasted at the rainy Lord's Acre Festival last September? Does the cold winter weather have you down? Here's a chance to warm up and enjoy those good eats from the Lord's Acre Festival again!

The Bee-lievers Women's Group will be holding a soup and sandwich sale March 2 and 3. Orders must be placed ahead of time, by January 31.

Order forms will be available at church on the table in the entry hallway. Items may be picked up on Saturday,

March 2 from 4 to 6 p.m., or after services on Sunday, March 3.

Items offered will include quarts of vegetable, turkey noodle, turkey corn and bean soup with rivels, at \$5.00 per quart.

Also offered will be country ham sandwiches at \$3.50 each and turkey salad sandwiches at \$2.50 each.

The sale will benefit the Bee-lievers, to be used for service to the church.

For more information, or to order items, call Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at 301-293-1470 or Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436.

Worship Through Giving — Tithes & Offerings

By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The scriptures tell us we will be blessed by our giving ministry and God will be pleased (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don't give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people's lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7).

.....WAYS TO GIVE.....

◆ Worship Services Plate Offering

Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

◆ By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to Church Treasurer, Salem United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 94, Myersville, MD 21773. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

◆ Electronically Online (Safe & Secure)

Salem is now offering the convenience of online giving. Go to our church website and select GIVE. Create an account on the secure server at Vanco Payment Solutions, a United Methodist endorsed service. You may set up recurring giving, e.g., weekly, monthly, or give one time. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write and you may change your giving amount at any time. This is a personal choice. Salem members who have already signed up for electronic giving are pleased with the service.

◆ FOOD SALE ORDER FORM ◆

Give orders to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer or Fonda Gormer by January 31, 2019.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

| SOUPS | How many? | Amount \$ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Vegetable \$5.00/quart | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Turkey Corn \$5.00/quart | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Turkey Noodle \$5.00/quart | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Bean with rivels \$5.00/quart | _____ | \$ _____ |
| SANDWICHES | | |
| Country Ham \$3.50 each | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Turkey Salad \$2.50 each | _____ | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL amount due at pick up \$ _____ | | |
| PICK UP (check one) Sat Mar 2 (4-6 p.m.) _____ Sun Mar 3 (a.m.) _____ | | |



January

Calendar of Events



- Thu 3 Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 3 UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 6 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Wed 16 Building Committee** - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat 19 Church Council Retreat** - 8:30 a.m. to noon at Salem
(This will replace the council meeting normally held the second Thursday of the month.)
- Sat 26 "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament** - 6:00 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Women's Bible Study every WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week
 Salem Iron Men 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Looking Ahead: GAME NIGHT - February 16 at Salem

Newsletter Distribution

- 1. E-Mail** — We are currently notifying 207 of our readers via e-mail when our newsletter is posted online. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- 2. Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- 3. First Class Mail** — We are mailing up to 30 copies, using the 50 cents First Class postage rate.



"Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament set for Saturday, January 26th

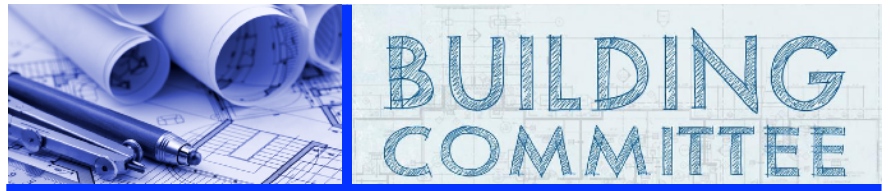
■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

Get your paddles ready! It's time again for the annual "Salem Slam" Ping Pong Tournament.

Come and join us for a light meal and an evening of fun and fellowship. All ages are invited from youth to adults.

We will begin the meal around 6:00 p.m. and start tournament play around 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dessert or snack to share.

Invite your friends for a meal, great fun and just some time to enjoy each other's company and have a little fun while doing so. Hope to see you there!



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| Melissa Thornton (Chair) | Fonda Gormer | Vernon Stottlemyer (Ex Officio) |
| Michael Burrier (Secretary) | Kathy Laky | Denny Leatherman (Ex Officio) |
| Gary Barkdoll | Anita Harshman | Bill Burrier (Ex Officio) |
| George Harne | Bob Snyder | |

■ By Melissa Thornton, Chair, Building Committee

The building committee is continuing to research the possibility of building an addition to Salem Church in order to enhance our ministries.

During the past few months, the committee toured several multi-use facilities in the area.

We also recently met with a representative from Morton Buildings to explore aluminum construction options. We will receive a plan and cost estimate from Morton Buildings in

January.

Our next steps as a committee will be to get some additional cost estimates, further developing plans, budgets, funding options, and presenting these to the full congregation for a vote.

We also will continue to pray for God's direction. Please feel free to contact me (301-508-7165, or mrthornton79@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns about the potential building project.

Looking Ahead . . .

Salem to attend ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City: Feb 8-10

This year's ROCK Youth Retreat will be held Friday, February 8 through Sunday, February 10, 2019, at the Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland.

ROCK is designed as a retreat with a focus on presenting the Gospel message in an exciting, culturally appropriate way for young people (and now adults, too) to be exposed to and have an opportunity to

respond to an invitation to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The event allows youth and adults to take a step back from their busy lives and learn about the amazing love of Jesus Christ.

It is an awesome experience for folks to more fully connect with God and their friends while listening to great bands and speakers.

Who's Doing What, When?

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| 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | | JANUARY |
| Lay Readers 6 - Wanda Barkdoll 13 - Mary Cline 20 - Dennis Leatherman 27 - Robin Haupt | Ushers 6 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 13 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 20 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 27 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman | Music 6 - Sara Weitzel 13 - Praise Band 20 - Sara Weitzel 27 - Sara Weitzel |
| Greeters 6 - Robin & Theresa Haupt 13 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 20 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 27 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family | Acolytes 6 - Loralli Snyder 13 - Noah Taveras 20 - Kenslie Buhrman 27 - Valentina Barkdoll | |
| 11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | | Music Jan 13 - Works in Progress Praise Band Jan 27 - Works in Progress Praise Band |
| An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer. | | |

It's Your Day!

January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susan Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle & Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles & Dawn Brown

January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 29 - Blake Wagaman
- 31 - Chase Woods

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.



United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers"

Anniversary Calendars Still Available

The Salem congregation is 200 years old in 2019. As part of our celebration, the Bee-lievers have designed a 2019 calendar, with pictures of events and people from years past.

The cost of each calendar is \$15. Checks should be made payable to "Salem Bee-lievers." Calendars may be obtained from Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (301-293-1470) or Fonda Gormer (301-293-2436).

Recent Financial Contributions to the Food Pantry

- \$120.00 from Wolfsville Elementary PTA
- \$500.00 from an Individual
- \$180.93 from Church World Service from 2018 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk
- \$460.00 from Mt. Bethel United Methodist Christmas Sing-a-Long

Holy Communion

Sunday
January 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. and
11:15 a.m.



Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers," Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns and Apple Pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



The Work of Christmas

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled.
 When the star in the sky is gone.
 When the kings and princes are home.
 When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 to find the lost,
 to heal the broken,
 to feed the hungry,
 to release the prisoner,
 to rebuild the nations,
 to bring peace among the people,
 to make music in the heart.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Today is the Day

By Dorothy A. Coles

Today is the day of beginning
 To do the best I can,
 For I never shall have this moment
 Or be given this chance again.

Today is the day of beginning
 To be what I want to portray.
 For the rest of my life will be molded
 By the action I take today.

Today is the day of beginning
 Of eternity for me.
 In the Book of Life is my record,
 How shall it look to Thee?

Wintertime

By Garnett Ann Schultz

Like a wonderland, such a lovely sight
 With the sky so blue and the ground pure white.
 A bit of frost on the windowpane
 Tells us it's wintertime again.
 The sparkling warmth of the old log fire,
 The peace we find in a heart's desire,
 The untold joy of a dream sublime
 Because in our world it is wintertime.
 Wintertime, when the wind blows cold
 And the snow that falls brings delight untold,
 The biting air that can chill you through,
 The thrill of home when your day is through.
 The little stream that is frozen hard,
 The snowman perched in the neighbor's yard,
 Laughter and smiles that are yours and mine
 Only because it is wintertime.



RECIPE



Sweet Potato Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 cups Mashed Sweet Potatoes | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1/2 cup Carnation milk | 2 eggs beaten |
| 1/3 cup butter | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 2/3 cup white sugar | |

Pour into baking dish.

TOPPING:

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 cup brown sugar | 1/3 cup butter |
| 1/2 cup flour | 1 cup chopped nuts |

Mix together and sprinkle over potatoes and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Submitted by Barbie Stottlemeyer who makes this casserole frequently.



Salem Iron Men announcements for January

By Bill Weaver

CALLING ALL MEN

As we reflect on the Christmas season, I am reminded of the words of Saint Athanasius of Alexandria (a Christian theologian from 300 A.D.) who said, "He became what we are that we might become what He is."

The Salem Iron Men will resume our Sunday evening gatherings on January 13th and 27th at 7 p.m.

For those of you considering joining us for the first time, or it has been a while since you have, this is an excellent time to stop by.

We will be processing a final wrap-up of the "Wild at Heart" series and we will begin a new adventure together, as we continue our journey with Jesus.

As a "Band of Brothers" in Christ, we strive to encourage one another and live out Proverbs 27:17



"You use steel to sharpen steel, and one friend sharpens another." (The Message Bible)

Join us for stimulating conversation, great fellowship and an opportunity to encourage and be encouraged.

Men's Retreat

Coming in February, the Salem Iron Men have been invited to participate in an annual Men's Retreat, hosted by the Irons Family at the Ole Mink Farm.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on February 1st through the 3rd.

To register on-line:
goo.gl/forms/nI27i75oBKZvigLh2

A Different Way to View the Day by Elaine Hardt

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|--|--|
| In the race to get things done | Look up and see! God's sun shines still; |
| We struggle to stay afloat; | We're headed to life without end. |
| Each task is an overwhelming obstacle, | Ask the Lord for wisdom; |
| Each sound, a discordant note. | Let Him set the priority. |
| Our peace and joy get misplaced; | Each day can be less stressful |
| We tend to neglect our Friend. | When we let Him set us free. |



Message from the Pastor and Worship in January

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Happy New Year! During 2019, we're celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Salem Church! Salem has a rich history and during 2019 we'll have a special opportunity to look back and reflect upon the way God has faithfully worked through those who have come before us, and to discern how God is continuing to call the people of Salem to grow and serve now and into the future.

I am excited to be taking that journey with you and wish you the Lord's blessings in the coming year,

—Pastor Bob

January 6 Epiphany of the Lord Holy Communion

"The Magi"

Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew 2:10, 11 – "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him."

The special visit the Magi made to see Jesus is full of meaning.

First, the Magi believed Jesus to be the long awaited Savior of the Jews.

Second, the Magi sought out Jesus and worshipped him as their own, personal Savior.

And third, God welcomed the Magi into their new found faith.

A popular expression says, "Wise women and wise men still follow Jesus." And that's true – we're all wise, and life is so much better, when we follow Jesus.

January 13 Baptism of the Lord Installation of 2019 Leaders "Jesus the Servant Leader" Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Happy New Year!

Luke 3:22 – "The Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'you are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'"

Our Savior, the Son of God, is our servant leader. God, himself, came to us and lived among us to show us how life is to be lived.

Jesus leads by example, not asking us to do anything he hasn't done and showing us the way in all things.

We are to follow his lead, being baptized into the faith, receiving the Holy Spirit to empower us, and going out into the world to be servant leaders ourselves.

January 20 "Jesus the Teacher" Luke 10:25-37

Luke 10:33 – "But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him."

Our Savior is our teacher. Jesus took time to explain to people the way God desired that they live.

Matthew's version of the life of Jesus emphasizes Jesus' teachings.

And the story of the Good Samaritan told in Luke's version gets to the essence of what Jesus teaches about how we ought to live with one another.

This parable (a story from everyday



life which explains life in God's kingdom) is Jesus' response to the questions posed to him, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" and "Who is my neighbor?"

These are fundamental questions being asked on behalf of all human beings and Jesus provides the answers.

January 27 "Jesus the Healer" Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew 9:13b – "On hearing this, Jesus said, 'it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means, I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Our Savior desires to heal us, to heal our souls, all of us. He sought Matthew, the despised tax collector, to heal his soul.

Jesus told Matthew, "Follow me."

No matter who we are or what we've done, Jesus wants to heal us and make us whole.

After healing Matthew, Jesus sat down and had a meal with all of Matthew's sinner-friends. He sought to heal them too.

He knew all of them were worthy and all had much to offer the world.

Jesus knows that to be the case for all of us – even you and me.

When we avoid going to the doctor, we cut ourselves off from the care we could receive. Jesus, the great physician, seeks to heal us.

Let's allow him to do so.

JANUARY
The first month of the year,
A perfect time to start all over again,
Changing energies and deserting
old moods,
New beginnings, new attitudes.

—Charmaine J. Forde

1819-2019

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Part 2 — We are Brethren

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ By Fonda Gormer

German & Swiss Immigrants

Let's go back to the mid-1700's. The large number of German and Swiss immigrants who had years earlier settled in Pennsylvania were migrating to new areas. Many came south into the Frederick (Monocacy) and Hagerstown (Conococheague) valleys, bringing with them their Reformed, Lutheran and Mennonite beliefs.

The German immigrants brought little in the form of religious helps with them, and they found little in their new settlements that would guard and nourish spiritual life. There were almost no churches and few school houses in the wilderness.

Missionaries were recruited by various denominations to bring God's Word to the settlers. These itinerant preachers traveled on horseback to where the settlers were, gathering a few families together in someone's cabin. But it could be weeks or months before the ministers arrived to perform marriages, baptisms and communion.

But just as the young colonies were rebelling against England, there were members of these German denominations who were rebelling against the pious rituals of the church—men like Phillip William Otterbein and George Adam Geeting of the Reformed Church, Martin Boehm and Christian Newcomer of the Mennonites, and Jacob Albright from the Lutherans.

These men had ideas of a vital religion based on new birth, forgiven sins and salvation by the grace of God for all mankind. These same ideas were being preached in English by Frances Asbury and other followers of John Wesley.

Isaac Long's Barn, Lancaster, PA

Let's move on to a Whitsuntide (or Pentecost) revival at Isaac Long's barn in Lancaster, PA in 1767. Otterbein reacted to Martin Boehm's sermon by embracing Boehm and exclaiming in German, "We are brethren" because their thinking was so similar. This was the beginning of a friendship which led to the formation of a new denomination. Otterbein made trips to western Maryland, preaching in homes,

barns and school houses and meeting with other Reformed ministers who were trying to spiritualize that church.

United Brethren in Christ

In 1800, a conference took place at Peter Kemp's, near Frederick, and a new denomination was organized and named. Otterbein and Boehm became the first bishops of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

What does all this have to do with Salem? In a valley east of South Mountain, log cabins were beginning to spring up. About 1776, John Hoover, Jr., son of the Johannes Huber who settled in the Ringgold area of Washington County, moved into a house on the property of his father-in-law, Christian Stouffer in Frederick County, MD. This property, called "Egypt", was sold to John Hoover, Sr. in 1785 and willed to son John Jr. in 1804. John Hoover, Jr. was the first white man to permanently settle in what is now Wolfsville.

Circuit Rider: Christian Newcomer

Enter the circuit-riding preacher of the Mennonite faith by the name of Christian Newcomer. He lived at Beaver Creek in a large stone house that was gutted by fire in 1982 and since restored.

Taking to the trails about the time of the American Revolution, he traveled through the wilderness on horseback for most of 53 years, going up and down the Cumberland and Shenandoah valleys, out into Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and even to Canada. He preached nearly every day, usually in English. He kept a journal of his journeys and ministry, continuing both until his death in 1830.

In the course of his travels, he met Getting, Otterbein and Boehm, often conducting meetings with them. He was

drawn to the newly formed United Brethren in Christ, eventually forsaking his Mennonite faith.

The Hoovers of Wolfsville

In his journal, Newcomer often referred to the Wolfsville Hubers/Hoovers as a meeting place on his circuit. On January 18, 1796, Newcomer mentions speaking at Hoover's from Psalm 81, vs.39.

On July 12, 1819, Newcomer wrote, "Came to John Hubers". This date is particularly significant in that the "date stone" on the Hoover barn reads 1819. This is also the year claimed as the birthdate of Salem United Brethren in Christ.

Another reference from Newcomer's journal, "Sunday 13 Aug 1820, I attended a meeting on the campground at John Hubers in the South Mountain". Again, "Thursday, 8 Aug 1822, I came to our camp-meeting at John Hubers in Frederick County. The meeting continued until the 13th when we departed: bless the Lord, we had a good time."

These early camp meetings were held in a woods on the property, now belonging to the Mabel Wolfe family. Later meetings would sometimes last for several weeks with traveling preachers and local leaders taking care of the services.

Newcomer wrote in his journal "Sunday, 15 Dec 1822, I attended the funeral of Old John Huber".

After the death of John Hoover, Jr. in 1822, his son Christian was still residing at "Egypt" when Newcomer wrote "17 Feb 1823— I rode with brother Hildt to Christian Hubers in Frederick County where he held a meeting at night."

John Hoover, Jr., in his younger years, was engaged in the worldly, but profitable, business of making brandy in association with the Wolfs, who had arrived in Wolfsville not long after Hoover. As brandy is usually made from fruit that has been fermented and then distilled to remove much of its water and leave alcohol behind, it can be deduced that the Hoovers and Wolfs had planted fruit trees or grapes soon after they settled in the area. Their still was set up along



Rev. Christian Newcomer
1749-1830

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Middle Creek, a ready source of cold water for distillation. Making alcohol was an efficient way of getting crops to market without spoilage, and took up less space in transporting than the original crop would have. The brandy was hauled to Baltimore to be sold.

Later, however, Hoover was converted by the preaching of Christian Newcomer and left the liquor business in the hands of the Wolfs.

Hoover Homestead: Birthplace of Salem Church

John, Jr. and Susan Hoover had a son John III, who married Susannah Harshman in 1803. John III and Susannah lived in the cabin in the meadow across from Salem's current parsonage, on land he received from his father.

In 1819, John III built a large stone barn on the property in Wolfsville, followed in 1820 by a substantial stone house. This home became a regular preaching place for Salem Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1819. Bigger meetings were held in the barn. These structures, which are still standing, served as places of worship until a church building was erected in 1847.

Who were the members of the newly formed class, as the congregation was called in 1819? Find out the answer in the February issue of *The Mountain Shepherd*.

Heavenly Humor



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

And now let us welcome the New Year
Full of things that have never been.

— Rainer Maria Rilke

Hope is like the sun, which,
as we journey toward it, casts
the shadow of our burdens behind us.

Opportunities are never lost;
someone will take the ones
we miss.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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